Steven M. BESSETTE
Application No. 09/604,157

Attorney Docket No. 4380.0098

REMARKS

Allowed claims 13 and 20-22 are pending. Claim 21 is amended merely to correct an obvious typographical error in the spelling of "propionate." This amendment does not add new matter to the above-referenced patent application. Applicants respectfully request favorable consideration and entry of the amendment prior to issuance of the above-captioned patent application.

Please grant any extensions of time deemed necessary. The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any deficiency in the small-entity fee(s) filed, or asserted to be filed, or which should have been filed herewith (or with any paper filed hereafter) to Deposit Account No. **14-1140**.

Respectfully submitted,

NIXON & VANDERHYE P.C.

By 
Willem F. Gadiano
Reg. No. 37,136

WFG:ewm
1100 North Glebe Road, 8th Floor
Arlington, VA 22201-4714
Telephone: (703) 816-4000
Facsimile: (703) 816-4100

PAGE 4/4 * RCVD AT 3/29/2004 1:10:17 PM [Eastern Standard Time] * SVR:USPTO-EFXRF-1/1 * DNIS:8729306 * CSID:7038164100 * DURATION (mm-ss):01-10